## Amendments to the Specification:

## In the Abstract:

Please replace the Abstract on page 23 with the following rewritten Abstract. A substitute Abstract is attached hereto.

-- The present invention relates to a method A method of producing young moss seedlings preferable as greenery plants, by which a plenty of many young moss seedlings can be are produced with high speed under artificially controlled atmosphere. In nutrient solution, young moss seedlings are grown with regeneration buds 2 buds bred around gametophytes 1 gametophytes, at a temperature of 0 to 60°C, with photosynthetic active photon flux density (PPFD) of not greater than 200 (μmolm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>), fertilizer concentration (mS/cm) of 0 to 1.0, and by repeating light periods and dark periods in cycles of 24 hours or less duration, aerating and stirring, and controlling the growth of young moss seedlings.

## In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5, after the heading "Field of the Invention" with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The present invention relates to a method of producing young moss seedlings, in particular, for young moss seedlings preferable as greenery plants, by which a plenty of many young moss seedlings can be produced with high speed, speed. The invention also relates to a method of producing a moss mat in which moss is prepared in a mat-like state for convenient construction, and to young moss seedlings. --

Please replace the section heading at page 3, line 10, as follows:

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Please replace the section heading at page 7, line 5, with the following rewritten heading:

-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE EMBODIMENTS INVENTION --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at the bottom of page 8, last two lines, and ending on page 9, line 7 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- In particular, Rhacomitrium Canescens including Racomitrium canescens, Racomitrium ericoides, Racomitrium japonicum, and the like are preferable for greening of buildings. This moss requires no soil or fertilizer for growth and can survive in very dried in a very dry condition without putting excess burden an excess weight on wall surfaces of buildings, for example. Although growth speed the speed of growth of this kind of a young seedling is very slow under natural under a natural environment, in the present invention, it can be cultivated in mass with high speed. --

Please delete the section heading at page 18, line 18.